



PRESIDENCY

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Brussels, 9 January 2002

Mister Chairman,
Dear Colleague,

Concern: Draft contributions for summit meetings.

I duly received your letter of January 4, 2002 on the above-mentioned issue.

I can inform you that I have sent a copy of it to the Prime Minister, Mr Guy VERHOFSTADT, to Mr Louis MICHEL, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, and to Mrs Annemie NEYTS, Minister attached to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, charged with Agriculture. I have also drawn the attention of the members of the Federal Advisory Committee on European Affairs on your observations concerning a better democratic scrutiny of draft contributions for summit meetings.

As Belgium and Denmark are members of the COSAC-Troika together with Spain, may I suggest you to examine this issue during the forthcoming meeting in Madrid.

Sincerely yours,

Herman DE CROO
Speaker of the House of
Representatives of Belgium



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Mr Claus LARSEN-JENSEN
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re : Draft contributions for summit meetings.

Dear President,

The President of the House of Representatives has forwarded to me your letter of 4 January 2002 on the above-mentioned issue.

As you know, the role of National Parliaments in EU-decision making is one of the issues to be debated by the Convention. I do not doubt that you will voice your concerns there.

May I take the liberty to point out the fact that your concerns also touch upon the status of conclusions of the European Council meetings, and of the European Council itself. The issue you raise also concerns the relationship between Prime Ministers and Heads of State, and their respective Parliaments.

Again I believe that your colleagues and yourself will have ample opportunity to discuss these matters in the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

A.M. NEYTS-UYTTEBROECK.